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IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131 ANTEDATING A REFERENCE**

I hereby declare the following:

- 1) I am currently and correctly named as an inventor in the pending patent application entitled TITANIUM ALLOY-PIN BATTERY FEEDTHROUGH FOR AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE, Serial number 10/003,925.
- 2) The invention disclosed within the above-referenced patent application was conceived of by me and the other named inventors prior to November of 1999.
- 3) A written description of the invention is present in the laboratory notebook of the inventor William John Taylor with a date of entry prior to November of 1999.
- 4) A working prototype of the invention was built and tested within Medtronic, Inc facilities, thus reducing the invention to practice subsequent to conception and prior to November 1999.
- 5) A Medtronic, Inc employee under the direction/instruction of one or more of the named inventors built the above referenced prototype and documented the same in laboratory notebooks prior to November of 1999.
- 6) A Medtronic, Inc. employee familiar with the technological subject matter witnessed the testing of the above referenced prototype prior to November of 1999.
- 7) An Invention Disclosure Form was completed that described the invention and was submitted to the Medtronic, Inc. legal department for consideration subsequent to the reduction to practice and prior to November of 1999.

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8) The invention was not publicly disclosed or offered for sale prior to the filing date of the present patent application.

9) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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